

IVRS rolls out large donation for Food Bank of Iowa

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services employees had paper stacking throughout the office once they got behind the drive to donate toilet paper to the Food Bank of Iowa.

Barbara Dickerson, chairperson of the Food Bank committee for IVRS, said the Food Bank recently indicated a need for bathroom tissue. Dickerson, along with organizers Delilia Myers and Sally Vandivier, initiated a month-long contest between the first floor and second floor at the Jessie Parker Building to see who could collect the most rolls of toilet paper to wipe out the shortage.

With the gauntlet down, walls of bathroom tissue began building on each floor.

It was a close contest. Seconds before the final call, there was a flurry of last-moment moves to take the lead. Bathroom paper appeared from hidden locations at the close of the competition.

The first floor narrowly squeezed out the competition by producing 2,899 rolls of bathroom tissue (plus an additional 120 rolls that leaked out at the final count) over the second floor's count of 2,530 rolls.

Ultimately the winner was the Food Bank of Iowa with 5,549 rolls of bathroom tissue to fill the empty shelves. It took a large truck pulling a long trailer (provided by the church of employee Mike Schmitt) to deliver the contents.

The second floor committee conceded victory by providing breakfast pizza and homemade cinnamon rolls to the first floor employees for their win. In addition, \$100 dollars was donated to the Food Bank of Iowa from a bake sale held earlier this year.

The Food Bank committee holds events throughout the year to raise money and help provide food for other Iowans.

Currently the Food Bank of Iowa is in need of bars of soap, cans of tuna and toothpaste. There is a box for items to be donated on the Second Floor.



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Top: Barbara Dickerson is interviewed by KCCI Channel 8 about the large donation of bathroom tissue.

Middle: Sally Vandivier and Mike Schmitt load the donation onto a large trailer to deliver to the Food Bank of Iowa.

Bottom: The Food Bank of Iowa Committee shows the stacks of bathroom tissue donated by IVRS employees.

